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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: SOME MINOR INDICATIONS

1. NEW IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL TO CHICAGO IS ANOUSHIRAVAN SADIGH, WHO HAS BEEN CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT HERE. A RELATIVELY YOUNG MAN WITH MUCH INTELLIGENCE AND CHARM, HE TOLD US THAT HE PLANS TO TAKE AN OPEN AND FORTHCOMING APPROACH WITH IRANIAN STUDENTS, OF WHOM THERE ARE MANY IN HIS CONSULAR DISTRICT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO OFFER STUDENTS COMPLETE IMMUNITY (FOR ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITIES ABROAD) IF THEY WISH TO RETURN TO IRAN, PROVIDED THEY STAY OUT OF TROUBLE ONCE THEY HAVE RETURNED. HE REALIZED THERE MAY BE SOME INITIAL PROBLEMS OF CREDIBILITY ON THIS OFFER, BUT SEEMED SINCERE IN SAYING HE HAD EVERY INTENTION OF APPLYING IT.

2. AT THE SAME LUNCHEON, FORMER DIRECTOR OF AMERICAS DEPARTMENT AT MFA, WHO IS GOING OUT AS AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH KOREA, CONFIDED THAT THERE ARE MANY CROSS-CURRENTS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE SHAH IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REACTIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS ABROAD. SOME OF HIS TOP SECURITY PEOPLE (INCLUDING SAVAK DIRECTOR GENERAL NASSERI) ARE APPARENTLY STILL TAKING A HARD LINE, URGING THE SHAH NOT TO GIVE IN LEST STATE SECURITY SUFFER.
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3. FROM VARIETY OF INDICATIONS REACHING EMBASSY, IT IS CLEAR A NUMBER OF GOI ORGANIZATIONS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND HAVE APPOINTED ONE OR MORE OFFICIALS TO ACT AS POINTS OF REFERENCE ON THIS ISSUE. TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE NOT ALWAYS CLEAR, HOWEVER, NOR HAS ANY OVERALL COORDINATOR FOR THE GOI BEEN APPOINTED.

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